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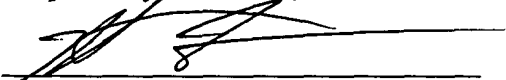
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- ☒ 15 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 6 Sheets of Formal Drawings.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/ Substitute Form PTO-1449.
- ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☒ Applicant requests retention of USPTO Disclosure Document No. 519375 entitled "Tapered Suet Plugs" received by the USPTO on October 7, 2002.
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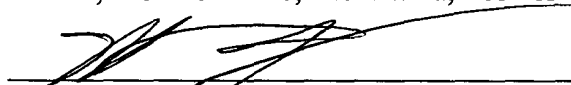
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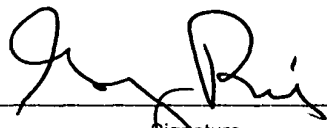
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